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An air filter comprising:

a filter housing with air flowing through said filter housing in a first direction;

a pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing said pleated filter support having support members define a pleated shape; and

a filter at least partially supported by said support members.

The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said pleated filter support comprises a wire mesh.

- 3. The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said pleated filter support comprises a plurality of posts.
- 4. The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said pleated filter support comprises a plurality of ridges spaced about equally apart.
- 5. The air filter of Claim wherein said pleated filter support comprises at least a partially annular form.
- d. The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said filter comprises a low restriction filter paper.
- 7. The air filter of Claim 1 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding.
- 8. The air filter of Claim wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by an adhesive.
- 9. The air filter of Claim 1 including a filter seal operatively connected to said filter and said pleated filter support.

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An air induction system comprising:

a flow body;

a filter housing in communication with said flow body with air flowing through said filter housing in a first direction;

a pleated filter support operatively connected to said filter housing said filter support members define a pleated shape; and

a filter at least partially supported by said support members.

The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said pleated filter support comprises a wire mesh.

- 12. The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said pleated filter support comprises at least a partially annular form.
- 13. The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter comprises a low restriction filter paper.
- 14. The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding.
- 15. The air induction system of Claim 10 wherein said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by an adhesive.
- 16. The air induction system of Claim 10 including a filter seal operatively connected to said filter and said pleated filter support.

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A method of manufacturing an air filter comprising the steps of: arranging a plurality of support members into pleats; and adhering a filter to the pleats.

of manufacturing the filter of Claim 18 wherein the plurality of 19. support members comprise a wire mesh.

The method of manufacturing the filter of Claim 18 including the step of sealing the filter to the support.